MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

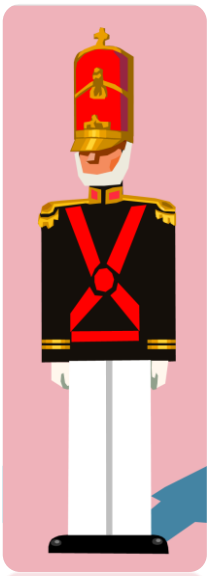
Dear Madison School Community,

There is a lot of work being done over these next two weeks as we wrap up to prepare for the winter break. This Thursday we will host our Annual Seniors' Day which will include entertainment from our band and chorus, lunch, and the school performance of *The Nutcracker.* If you can't make it, please try to come to the encore presentation of *The Nutcracker* on Friday evening at 7 pm. It is a show not to be missed. On Tuesday, Dec. 23 students will have an opportunity to go "shopping" at the annual Re-Store event hosted by MES staff and supported by the school community.

As we begin to close out 2014, we take time to reflect on the moments that become strong memories in our minds and lives. These memories help to define who we are and affect our future. The same thing happens at school. We look at where we started and how far we have come. We look at what is working and what might need to be adjusted. We check to see if our goals have been met and begin to set new ones. In keeping with this, I invite all of you to join us on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 3 pm for our All School Meeting where we will do just this. I hope that you will join us as we get set to enter 2015 together.

Mrs. Woodward

Nutcracker Coming to MES Dec 18 & 19th



The Madison Elementary School Drama Club is preparing for its fall musical *Nutcracker,* which will be performed on **December 18th at 1:30pm for Seniors' Day and Dec 19th at 7PM**. Mark your calendars! Students in grades K-6 have been working hard to prepare this presentation for your holiday enjoyment. Admission is Free but donations are gratefully accepted to support future performances.

Nutcracker for Students in Grades K-2

The students in grades K-2 are invited to participate in the December performances of *Nutcracker.* The students will be learning one of the following parts: mice, toy soldiers, Arabian dancers, candy, and flowers.

We hope the students will be able to participate in both the Thursday afternoon and Friday evening performances. See above for more info.

Back stage crew should attend the full dress rehearsal on 12/16 from 3:30-6:00.

Band and Chorus in Nutcracker

The band and chorus will be performing on Thursday - the band at 11:30 for Seniors Day and the Chorus for the Nutcracker at 1:30. Both groups will also be performing the following evening for the Nutcracker - and the students should arrive at 6:30 for warm-ups.

Up Coming Events/Meeting

- **Seniors' Day 12/18 11:30**
- ***The Nutcracker 12/18 1:30***
- ***The Nutcracker 12/19 7:00***
- ***Re-Store 12/23***
- ***Vacation 12/24-1/2/2015***

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Title I Tip:
See the attached Parents in the Know Newsletter for great ideas and information! Happy Holidays!

4th Grade has been…..

In math we have been learning place value in the billions. We have also been learning a new way of multiplication called lattice. Some kids think lattice is easier than the regular way. Other kids find it confusing. By McKayla

In reading we are learning about Civil Rights, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and other famous people who have changed how we live now. We have separated into groups to read more. It is very interesting to most of us 4th graders. By Olivia

In writing we are writing a Christmas Wish. The wishes have to be benefiting others and yourself. Some kid's wishes are world peace, that benefits others and yourself. By Rosalie

JUMP ROPE CLUB

Cancelled this Friday 12/19

RE-STORE

We will once again be offering a shopping experience for all students right before Christmas. The items that are available are small new or gently used knick-knacks, jewelry, mugs, ball caps, purses, etc. If you have some items you would like to donate to the "store" please drop off at school between December 8th and 19th. Thank you!

STUDENT COUNCIL

On December 23, Student Council would like to celebrate all the different winter holidays. We invite you to dress up in your favorite winter holiday colors and accessories. Hats are permitted. Donations of $.25 may be made to the Madison Elementary Student Council.

ESSC & Snow Shoeing

Please ask your child about the newest permission slip concerning the winter programs. It includes a lot of important information. If you have not picked up your ski/snowboard equipment from last week's rental trip, please do so. This equipment is your responsibility for the season.

Reminder- if you'd like to order from Artsonia in time for Christmas, get those orders in by Dec 15 for regular mail. There is express mail option(more expensive) by Dec.21.
http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=61145

Students have all been given Artsonia reminder slips this week, which gives the code for each student.

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Seniors' Day

When: DECEMBER 18, 2014
Time: 11:30 AM
Where: Madison Elementary School

The Schedule:

11:30 – Musical Presentation
11:50 – Lunch
1:00 – Visit Classrooms
1:30 – Drama Production of *The Nutcracker*

Valet Parking will be Provided
RSVP by 12/15/14 Seniors Eat Free!

Please join us for all of the activities listed or just for lunch. We hope to see you!

The Menu

Chicken Potpie,
Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Breads,
Homemade Dessert
Coffee, Tea
RSVP:
Mrs. Hawkins @ 367-4642 by
December 15, 2014
Lunch for seniors is free, all others
$3.50/ea.
Please prepay if possible.
If transportation is needed,
please let us know.
PLEASE JOIN US!

Did you go to Café Noel?

Student Council did a great job serving food, Madison Recreation had pictures with Santa, PTO had the room filled with crafters and Third Grade had a very successful Café Noel field trip fundraiser!

Thank you for such wonderful community support!